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Seven local bands played at the Tin Roof in the Vista Thursday night as part of Phi Mu's Bonnamu philanthropy event. More than \$8,000 was raised as a result of the night.

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## Local bands benefit Phi Mu philanthropy

Over \$8,000 raised for Children's Miracle Hospital Network

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Phi Mu Bonnamu, a spinoff of the Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival, was a contest between seven local bands from around Columbia, battling it out for a common cause.

To vote for their favorite band, audience members placed either cash donations or their ticket stubs into that band's bucket. The members of Phi Mu sorority did not vote; rather, they encouraged others to donate to the cause and cheer on the bands.

At the end of the night, it was the Whiskey Mics who took first place, but the Palmetto Health Children's Hospital, which will receive the proceeds, took the ultimate prize.

Leslie Knight, Phi Mu's philanthropy chair, said she was overjoyed to see the result of the chapter's plans. More than \$8,000 had been raised to go toward the Children's Miracle Hospital Network, Phi Mu's philanthropic cause.

"Our philanthropy really came together, and I couldn't do any of this without the girls helping to get

the word out there," Knight said. "This was my first time planning an event like this ... and my last as philanthropy chair."

Throughout the week, each member sold \$5 tickets in advance and raised awareness for the Palmetto Health Children's Hospital.

Knight said that the process of recruiting bands was also uplifting, adding that some bands had to be turned away from the main event.

"We were pleasantly surprised with how many of the bands were interested," Knight said.

Each band started its set off reminding the crowd that the event was benefiting the Palmetto Health Children's Hospital and was for the kids, a reference to the rallying cry of Dance Marathon, which also benefits the hospital.

Bands entertained the audience with diverse tunes, ranging from country to indie rock.

The band Dime in Mind took the stage together as a group for the first time at the show. Fly With Me brought a sense of community to the show, telling the audience to come closer and huddle together to stay warm in the nippy November air.

Student body President Chase Mizzell emceed the event, encouraging dancing in between

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## McCausland fellow sets goals for program, self

Griffen plans to use award to continue research

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*Editor's note: This is the last of a four-part series profiling the first McCausland Faculty Fellows.*

After being named a McCausland Faculty Fellow, Blaine Griffen has made plans to use his \$10,000 stipend to continue researching the responses of natural systems to human impacts.

"The fellowship will enable me to continue to focus on my work to understand how humans impact our ocean's shores and how these impacts influence the species that live there," Griffen said.

Griffen, a professor in the biology and marine science programs, received a master's degree in marine resource management from Oregon State University in 2002 and a doctorate from the University of New Hampshire in 2007.

"I was truly honored to be selected for this fellowship," Griffen said. "It is gratifying to know that my work and my efforts here at USC are recognized."

Griffen teaches three classes this year

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## Monk speaks about healing

Visiting lecturer addresses packed room

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People filled every seat and the floor in a Russell House meeting room to hear Thich Minh Thanh, the head monk of the Thang Nghiem Temple in Hanoi, Vietnam, deliver a lecture on Buddhism, the mind and mental health.

Hosted by USC's Science and Religion Initiative, the lecture explored how eastern spirituality affect mental health.

Thanh became a monk in 1992 and studied Buddhism for eight years. He is known for advocating therapeutic approaches for mental illness based on Buddhist philosophies about the mind and the self.

In Thanh's temple, 10 monks work to organize retreats, put together community activities, provide help to others and, above all, practice Buddhism. Thanh shared pictures from his life before the lecture began that depicted other monks and images from his temple.

"In Vietnam, Buddhism is not the national religion, but it is the most popular," Thanh through Huong Nguyen, a translator from the College of Social Work. "There is still a Buddhist temple in every village."

During the lecture, Thanh spoke about the influence Buddhism has had on Vietnam, as well as the work the monks do with mental health.

Thanh said people go to the temple for help; visits to the temple range from people who are stressed or sick, to those who want to give a blessing



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Thich Minh Thanh, head monk of the Thang Nghiem Temple in Hanoi, Vietnam, delivers a lecture about healing at the Russell House on Thursday night.

and to others who are diagnosed with cancer or a mental illness.

Thanh groups people who come for help into three categories: First, people who want immediate help for day-to-day struggles; second, people who need longer-term help, including those diagnosed with cancer or depression; and third, people who are mentally ill.

And each category has a different

way of being helped.

The first category usually just requires talk therapy. If patients are in the second category, they stay at the temple for a while and are usually healed. The third category often has different circumstances, depending on the situation; in some cases, they

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#### Saturday



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IN BRIEF

51 suspected in massive bank fraud scheme

Nine have been arrested and 42 are still being sought in an enormous bank fraud scheme in which Wells Fargo was scammed of \$72,000, The State reported.

The operation’s four ringleaders gathered nearly 90 individuals to open new bank accounts at TD Bank, Wells Fargo and Woodforest Bank for as little as \$100 or \$200. The account information, starter checks and debit cards were given to the ringleaders who then used the accounts to defraud banks of over \$100,000 over the past year.

Forty of the suspects involved were charged earlier this year after scamming TD Bank of \$40,000, “Financial crimes tend to go under the radar,” Sheriff Leon Lott said in a press conference Thursday. “Looking at that area ... the amount is staggering.”

According to Investigator Odell Glenn, many of those arrested were cooperative with deputies.

—Hannab Jeffrey, Assistant News Editor

Local attorney to challenge longtime trustee for seat

Columbia attorney William Hubbard, one of the longest-serving members on USC’s board of trustees, will likely face a challenger next year, The State reported.

Former U.S. Attorney Pete Strom plans to run for the seat Strom holds. Strom practices law in Columbia and said he has been approached about running for the board by other USC alumni. Hubbard has the second-longest tenure on the board, with 27 years.

Strom said that he wants to take a look at the rising tuition rates at the university and student safety concerns following recent issues in Five Points.

“Some (board) members think more about the U.S. News & World Report rankings than what’s needed in the small towns of South Carolina, where students need to go back and help their family businesses,” he told The State.

—Hannab Jeffrey, Assistant News Editor

Columbia breaks record for coldest temperature

Columbia saw record cold — 23 degrees — Thursday morning at the airport, The State reported.

Thursday morning’s temperature edged the previous Nov. 14 record of 24 degrees, which was set in 1977 and tied in 1983, according to the National Weather Service.

Record low temperatures were also recorded in Charlotte and Augusta, at 21 degrees, and in Florence, where the low was 22 degrees.

Columbia’s record low followed a rare November snowfall on Tuesday night, the result of a cold front making its way up the East Coast.

This weekend’s temperatures are expected to rise into the high 60s and low 70s, topping off at around 73 degrees Sunday and Monday.

— Hannab Jeffrey, Assistant News Editor



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Thanh says that there are three categories of people who need healing, which range from minor to major needs.

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preform exorcisms.

“There have been five people who have come to the temple with cancer, and after a few months, they were cured,” Thanh said.

Buddhists believe that followers should not attach, follow or dwell on their feelings and that doing good deeds will present them with karma.

“Everything belongs to everybody,” Thanh said. “It just goes from person to person.”

Following the lecture, first-year political science student Patrick Alexander said he felt as though he had been exposed to a new and different way of life.

“It shown light on a culture and religion I was not familiar with,” Alexander said.

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**Members of Phi Mu sorority raised funds and awareness leading up to the Bonnamu event, which benefited the Children’s Miracle Hospital Network.**

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sets. Once one group finished a set, the dance floor was packed with audience members-turned-dancers. Knight said that the event went beyond anything that the sorority had done before, and would be a great way to reach out to some of the students who weren’t involved in

Greek life. She said she hopes that Bonnamu will turn into an annual event. “This event will bring in a diverse audience,” Knight said. “We really wanted to reach out to a lot more people on campus.”

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**FELLOW • Continued from A1**

at USC: Biology of Marine Organisms, Invertebrate Zoology and Behavior of Marine Organisms. He said he tries to teach real-world application in all three courses.

“We have an excellent group of undergraduate majors in the marine science program. My goal for these students is that they will gain new insights and perspectives from my class,” Griffen said. “My hope is that students come out of my classes better prepared to apply their knowledge to solve real problems.”

The primary goal of Griffen’s research is to improve predictions of how populations and communities will react to future human impact. His work offers insight into the foraging that is central to all ecological communities, as well as fundamental aspects of organisms’ biology and physiology.

Additionally, Griffen’s research addresses areas where his findings can be applied to improve management and conservation efforts. The majority of his work has studies crustaceans.

Educational outreach is also a priority for Griffen, and he spends

time at several schools around Columbia. He said he hopes to get students excited about science, help them understand its role in current environmental issues, improve their critical thinking skills and help teachers in incorporate quantitative skills in science curriculum.

Griffen also has a couple of goals for himself for his next few years at USC.

“In my research, my goal is to continue to provide important information that can be used to manage the oceans and their resources, while at the same time continuing to contribute to our basic understanding of natural systems,” Griffen said. “From an educational perspective, I hope to continue to work to build the marine science program to meet the needs of our students.”

Griffen is one of the first four McCausland Faculty Fellows, a program established by a \$10 million endowment from Peter McCausland, a 1971 history graduate. He founded of Pennsylvania-based Airgas Inc., the nation’s largest distributor of medical and industrial gases.

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Endowment will reap rewards for generations

**ISSUE**  
A USC alumnus made a significant donation.

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Its effects will be felt for many years to come.

Peter McCausland made headlines two weeks ago after his generous \$10 million donation to USC’s largest school, the College of Arts and Sciences.

Since professional schools enjoy the lion’s share of high-profile gifts, McCausland’s gift was especially unique, because it aims to help liberal arts students and professors pursue their scholastic desires.

The endowment was established in order to keep promising young faculty on campus, launch a visiting scholars program and pay for new courses and research that are essential to keeping the liberal arts relevant.

The first four McCausland Faculty Fellows, who were profiled in a four-part series in The Daily Gamecock that concludes today, are a testament to the impact of the gift.

As a McCausland Faculty

Fellow, the first four professors who won the award will receive a \$10,000 stipend to help them with their teaching and research. History professor Joseph November, for example, plans to interview the last of the pioneers in biomedical computing, whose insight could be priceless.

The money should provide the professors the freedom to keep their classes on the cutting edge, and that’s important in order to keep the college’s lessons relevant and valuable.

McCausland’s gift will also pay to bring two visiting faculty members to USC each year and create an innovation fund that

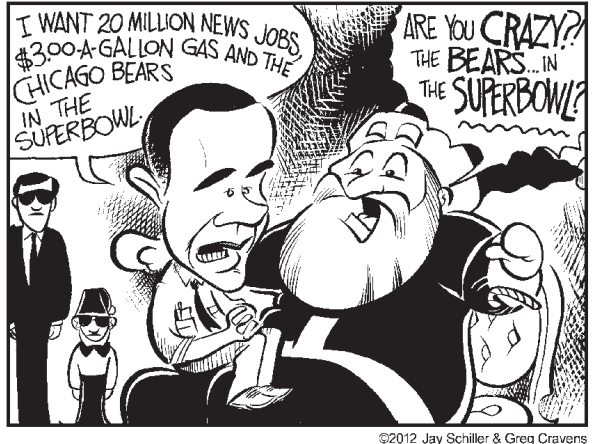
“Thankfully, USC has alumni like McCausland who recognize the value of scholastic and creative freedom. McCausland, like many benefactors, attributes some of the success that has enabled his generosity to the value of his education.”

will award \$10,000 to \$50,000 each year to new programs, research endeavors or courses.

Money like this can go a long way in improving the quality of any college: business, science and math, or liberal arts. While it’s obvious that we’re here to receive an education, our professors’ continued education directly translates to the improvement of our own. Other colleges have seen big gifts in recent years that have created new fellowships and programs, but they have mostly been professional schools, like business and engineering, leaving out the College of Arts and Sciences.

Thankfully, USC has alumni like McCausland who recognize the value of scholastic and creative freedom. McCausland, like many benefactors, attributes some of the success that has enabled his generosity to the value of his education. His gift will provide students with the same foundation that he built his success on.

We hope other alumni will follow suit by making gifts that help today’s students enjoy similar success.



Health care act’s struggles show Americans’ concerns

The initial numbers have been released for those that have signed up for the Obamacare exchanges, and it looks like President Barack Obama’s administration overestimated the number of people who would sign up for health care in its first month by more than 300,000.

The administration says that about 107,000 people signed up in the first month of Obamacare, which falls far short of the original expectation that about 500,000 people would sign up for the new health care plan.

The lack of participation is very interesting considering the bill was intended to help provide coverage for the millions of Americans without health insurance. The low numbers from the first month of the online exchanges indicates that maybe people are not as excited about this bill as the administration thought they’d be.

One primary explanation for why Americans are not jumping up out of their chairs to go sign up for Obamacare is that the online exchanges do not address the main problem with health care in this nation, which is the high costs that many cannot afford.

A study by the Heritage Foundation found that insurance premiums are going to rise in 45 states. The study had even worse news for healthy people in their mid-20s, saying that “people who are age 27 and shopping for an individual policy can expect to see double the premiums they would have seen last year.”

This rise in cost is causing many to wonder whether or not Obamacare will really help lower health care costs and if they should bother with it at all.

Secondly, the website was not working properly during its launch. For weeks, the website, designed to help people buy their new insurance, was malfunctioning and not allowing people to do so.

The website’s failures during first couple weeks, which greatly marred the program’s grand opening, just showed Americans that the government cannot even build a website with millions of dollars, let alone an effective health care plan.

Third, many Americans are upset that Obamacare has resulted in canceled insurance plans altogether. Forbes has indicated that the number of people who suffered cancellations due to Obamacare could be as high as 5 million.

This number is only the initial batch and is sure to grow over the coming months, both a scary and sobering reminder of the power of the government.

The first month of Obamacare’s exchanges could not have been more disastrous. People are beginning to see that government-run health care is inefficient, expensive and not as free as many people thought it would be, showcasing why I, and many others, thought this law was a bad idea from the beginning.



**Matthew Demarco**  
Second-year exercise science student

GUEST COLUMN

Study abroad experience unpredictable

**Phases of assimilation blend together**

When I started applying to study abroad last October, many of my friends looked at me like I was mad. Some of them told me that they couldn’t have done it themselves because they’d miss their families and friends too much, and they couldn’t stop asking, “Won’t you get homesick?”

It wasn’t until I attended a pre-departure information session at my home university that I started to really think about how much I’d miss home. The Student Counseling Centre at the University of Leeds created a graph that predicted how study abroad participants would feel at various points in the semester, including illusively named “disintegration” phases. I left the lecture feeling pretty intimidated but largely skeptical that someone who had never met me had tried to predict how I would feel six months down the line.

Today, I look back on the graph in light of how I experienced culture shock, and its dramatic suggestions still don’t resonate with me. It doesn’t do studying abroad any justice by referring to a brief post-arrival period as a “honeymoon stage.”

With America on my doorstep,

the buzz I experienced after I arrived lasted far longer than just a “honeymoon.” The prevalence of Southern hospitality in South Carolina has meant that a friendly face and pleasant conversation are always nearby, throwing the counselor’s graph for a loop.

That’s not to say hospitality cures everything. I was taken over detail after detail of drinking laws, during which I was particularly shocked to hear I could even be fined \$250 if I was stone cold sober but found in the presence of a drunkard. It was the second time I’d left a study abroad “orientation” feeling more like an outsider than ever.

As for my apparent “disintegration,” halfway through the semester I wasn’t bundled up in my room looking through nostalgic photos and pulling my hair out for want of a decent cup of tea. I was on a weekend away in the beautiful city of Charleston, sightseeing and sunbathing with a group of 15 internationals. Not once have I felt “disintegrated” or like I wasn’t part of the brilliant institution that’s taken me under its wing.

But my biggest issue with the graph is that the “independence stage” is placed right before the coming home stage. The day I waved goodbye to my family and my boyfriend in August was one of the hardest days of my life,

and it was from that day forward that the independence stage had already begun. What the graph doesn’t say is that culture shock, homesickness and feelings of independence collide and happen all the time. They never stop.

I appreciate that the counseling center was trying to reassure us with the prospect of predictability, but I’ve since learnt that the greatest challenge of studying abroad is being open to the possibility of the unpredictable. I spent months watching YouTube videos of American football games and tourist information adverts in a futile attempt to prepare myself for what I was about to encounter. Little did I know that USC is actually nowhere near the beach and there isn’t a crazy “I’m Shmacked” party happening every weekend.

How you feel when you study abroad will depend on who you are, where you go and the people you meet. Every study abroad experience is different, and getting used to its constant ups and downs is all part of the challenge, and part of the fun.

The whole point of studying abroad is that it’s an unpredictable experience that will take you out of your comfort zone — one that can’t be plotted on a graph.

— Evelyn Robinson, second-year English and history student

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# Death of Paris releases EP tonight

Local indie band to drop ‘Gossip’ with performance at Jillian’s

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What makes an indie band indie? Is it their obscurity, or is it their uniquely “indie” sound? Going by obscurity, Death of Paris is still indie; their new EP, “Gossip,” was funded on the popular crowdsourcing site Kickstarter, and they’re still in the relatively underground phase of their career.

Their sound, however, is pure pop, bombastic and polished, ready for radio play. Their new EP is more reminiscent of Gwen Stefani or The Killers than Sea Wolf or The Shins.

Death of Paris, comprised by vocalist Jayna Doyle, guitarist/keyboardist Blake Arambula, guitarist Patrick Beardsley and drummer Bryan Lee Bass, is an electro-pop-rock band hailing from Columbia, and they’re releasing their EP tonight at a launch party at Jillian’s.

“It’s going to be a really big night,” Doyle said. “We have a lot of really good bands playing with us. We’re really looking forward to it.”

Among the performers will be local singer-songwriter, Beth Dickerson, Doyle said.

“She is amazing, she has a beautiful voice and she’s a really talented songwriter,” Doyle said.

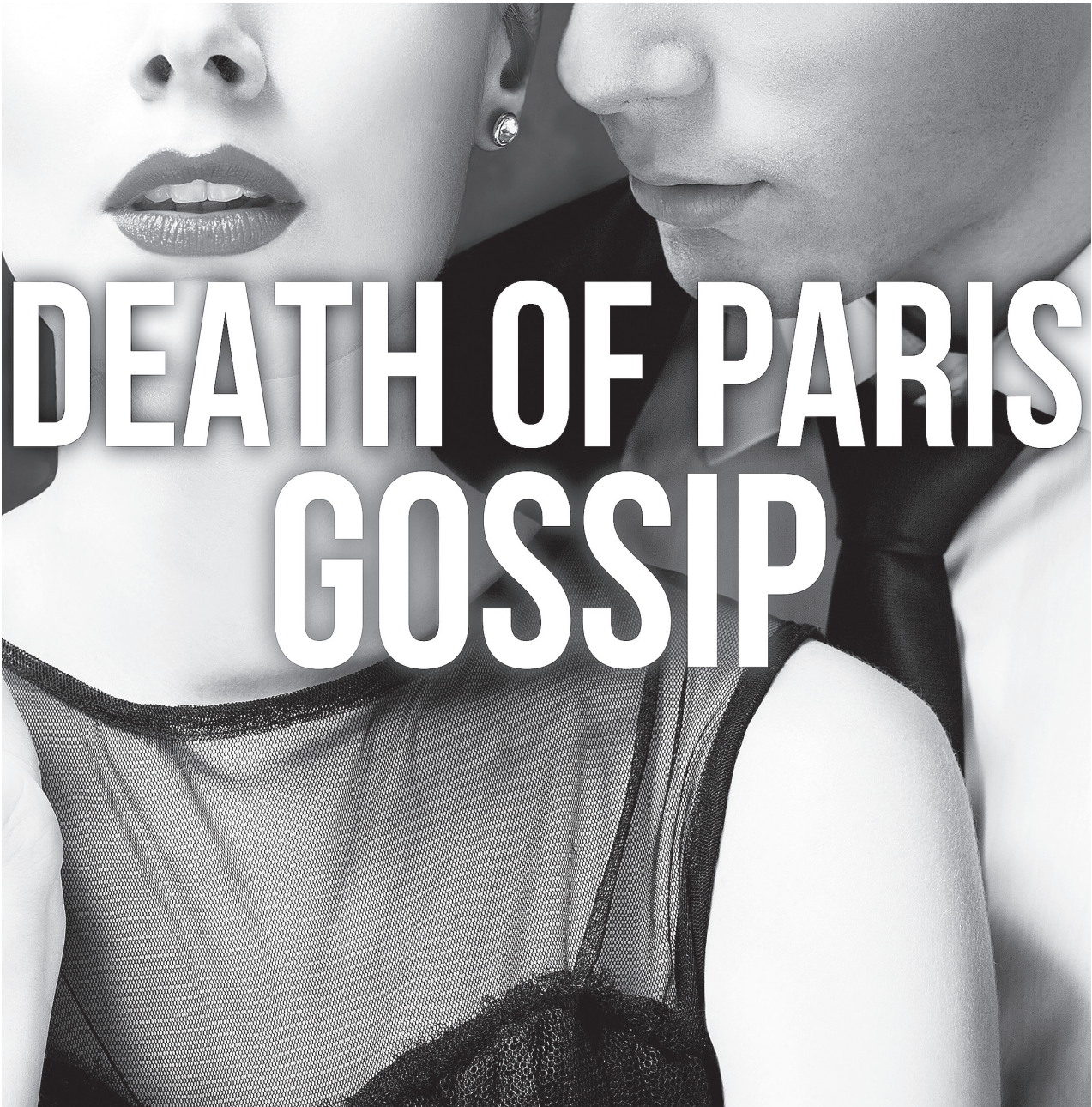
Dickerson worked with Doyle this past summer at Girl’s Rock Camp, a camp for girls age 8 to 18 that seeks to encourage self-confidence and creativity through music and performance.

“I thought it was cool to have a girl from the Girl’s Rock Camp on the stage since we’re going to be giving a portion of the proceeds from the show to the Girl’s Rock Camp,” Doyle said.

Also playing at the launch party are fellow electropop group HARPS and Charlotte-based band Flagship.

As the band has developed, the sound has as well.

“This EP is the first one where we’ve recorded collectively as a band, so we feel like we’ve grown together as a band,” Doyle said. “We wanted keyboards and all of the weird electronic sounds and quirkiness, (but) we wanted to be more calculating with that. Make it a little grittier



Courtesy of Death of Paris  
**Columbia band Death of Paris will celebrate the release of their EP, “Gossip,” with a show at Jillian’s tonight.**

and a little more rock-and-roll, not like a cliché gimmicky dance band. ... We wanted to be a dance band disguised as a rock band.”

Tonight’s show is a big step for Death of Paris, representative of their growing popularity.

“Everything is falling into place in the right

way,” Doyle said. “I feel like we have piqued everyone’s interest a little bit because I feel like we’re a wild card and people don’t really know what we’re going to do, and I like that.”

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Courtesy of USC Department of Theatre and Dance

In USC’s latest play, Kate Dzvoni, Laurie Roberts and Melissa Reed play sisters who fear the unknown in the future.

## Play highlights life’s uncertainty

USC production of Chekhov’s ‘Three Sisters’ at Longstreet Theatre through Nov. 23

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“Being alive. It’s a pretty interesting thing, isn’t it?” said Steven Pearson, director of the USC Department of Theatre and Dance’s production of Anton Chekhov’s “Three Sisters.” “In fact, I can’t think of anything more interesting.”

The play, which will be showing at the Longstreet Theatre until Nov. 23, follows three sisters living in the Russian countryside, who, tormented by bygone memories of happier times in the city and the uncertainty of their futures, are unable to live in their rural present.

It’s an examination of the great entertainment that can be found in the seemingly mundane everyday trials of existence. It forces the audience to see what the characters, blinded by a longing for their previously opulent and urban lifestyles, can’t see: the beauty of simply being alive.

“The play is about what it’s like to be alive, how interesting it is to be alive and how challenging it is to deal with things like suffering but also how to deal with

humor,” Pearson said. “It’s one of the greatest plays in the history of theatre. Funny, entertaining, sad — all those things we like in a performance.”

At its core, despite the heavy undertones of uncertainty and longing, the production actually has many comedic elements. But the humor isn’t as obvious as a slapstick sitcom. It’s far more about the subtle absurdity, like Louis C.K.’s “Louie.”

“There’s a kind of gentle humor about how strange it is to be alive,” Pearson said. “It’s not raucous, there’s no gags, but it is humor that we know what we should do and we don’t do it.”

For Pearson, the production is a reflection of his own contemplations on life that have been cultivated from years of travel and experience. His career as a director has taken him from Japan to Lithuania to the mountains of Romania. His grandiose adventures may have brought him more questions than answers, but he has learned to revel in not knowing.

“The older I get, the more I understand how little I know about this thing called living,” Pearson said. “I become less and less certain about how things are and how they should be, but at the same time, I become more and more amazed at what a lovely thing it is.”

But the production’s message of living in the moment

## Soulful singer to perform in Columbia

Conner brings original folk music to Hunter-Gatherer

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Blending folk music with some soul, a Charleston-based artist is making her way to Columbia.

Tonight at Hunter-Gatherer Brewery, soul/folk singer and musician Livy Conner will play her original songs. Conner recently released her first album, “Mind of Your Own,” which she will be playing songs from tonight.

While some of the songs on the album are more recent, Conner explained that some of them were written years ago.

“One of the things I like about it is that I didn’t rush it at all; I took my time. The album is basically a compilation of songs written over the past five years that have stood the test of time and are meaningful,” she said.

Conner has jump-started her career with her multiple talents — not only a songwriter, but a vocalist, guitar player and piano player, too. Although she devotes her career to utilizing her many musical talents, her inspiration lies in singing, she said.

“Always for as long as I can remember, I have loved to sing,” she said. “I would say that was the seed.”

If singing planted her love for music, Conner’s passion grew her sophomore year at College of Charleston, when she learned how to play the guitar. But it all came together when she began singing and writing music while living in Portland, Ore., after college.

Conner puts her talents to good use with the band The Kitambi Collection, where she performs with Will McKay, Bandi Tomaschek and Marshall Hudson.

Their fall tour kicks off with the first stop in Columbia tonight. From there, the band will perform in several states before ending the tour in Cleveland.

While Conner has had plenty of





Courtesy of USC Department of Theatre and Dance  
“Three Sisters” combines the unexpected elements of drama and sly comedy to make a unique show.

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and embracing the bliss of uncertainty doesn't require years of travel to identify with. It can be appreciated by someone who's never even left the country.

“We think life is waiting for the big moments, but life is all of it, all the small moments, too,” Pearson said. “It's funny that people seem to think that our life is really going start one day. We're waiting for that big moment when we realize what it's all for, but we have lots of moments. All of our moments. People focus on looking forward to the big moment when it's going to happen, but it's happening as we speak.”

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Courtesy of Livy Conner

Musician Livy Conner creates original songs with her array of musical talents.

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experience playing locally, this is her first tour. She explained that for the future, she knows she will play wherever she lives but wants to expand to other areas, too.

“I know that I will love to keep growing and keep traveling, but I also want to keep playing at home,”

she said.

Music starts at 8 p.m. tonight at Hunter-Gatherer, and tickets are \$5. Conner and The Kitambi Collection will headline the show; Rachel Kate and T.C. Costello will also perform.

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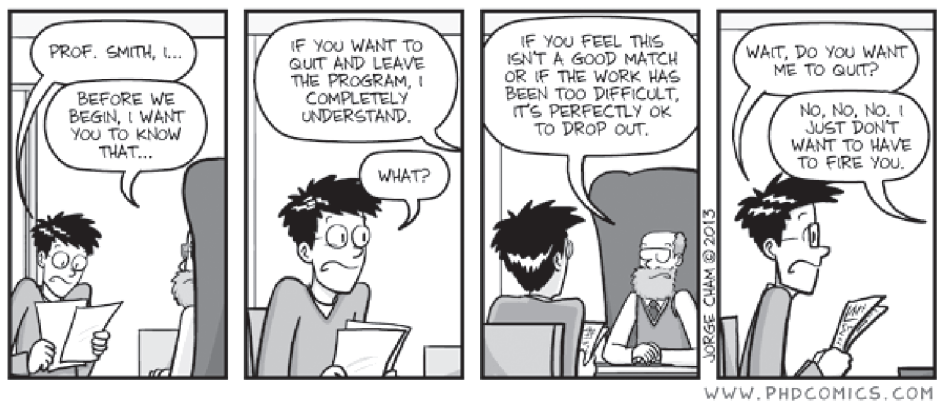
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Gemini

A change at the top could throw you off balance momentarily. Focus on finishing up old business for the next couple of days. Technical breakdowns could tangle. A friend can go get what you need. Rest up.

Cancer

Your plans today go better with friends. Don't get intimidated to invite people. They can choose for themselves. Compliment your circles on their contributions. Your network and partners move the game forward with maximum fun and style.

Leo

You're discovering wonderful things. Shop later. Consider new opportunities, even ones that you may have dismissed earlier. Add a mysterious touch. Your status rises.

Virgo

One pleasant surprise leads to more. Resistance could be encountered. You can run or confront it. Add a touch of glamour and a dash of creativity. Above all, include humor. Your studies move ahead.

Libra

It takes more study to figure costs. You have what it takes to make it work. Seek better tactics or convince others to try again. Make water part of the scenery, but keep it close to home. Support family.

Scorpio

Frustration entangles. Sharing the load makes things easier and more fun, not just now but tomorrow, too. Have faith in your partner, and make sure you know what you're supposed to be doing. Minimize risks with planning.

Pisces

Schedule carefully. There's no such thing as a stupid question, but your timing could be off. Don't speculate ... calculate. Congestion or breakdown could delay your plan. Make a call. Get help building your dream.

Sagittarius

Your reputation precedes you. Share your future vision, venture farther out, and work smarter to make money. Save for a rainy day. Some temporary confusion could disrupt the calm. Restore peace with gentle music.

Capricorn

Love what you do; do what you love. Then focus on the game. Soon you can relax. Move quickly now and save money. Follow a hunch, and you'll learn more that way. Discover hidden treasure in plain sight.

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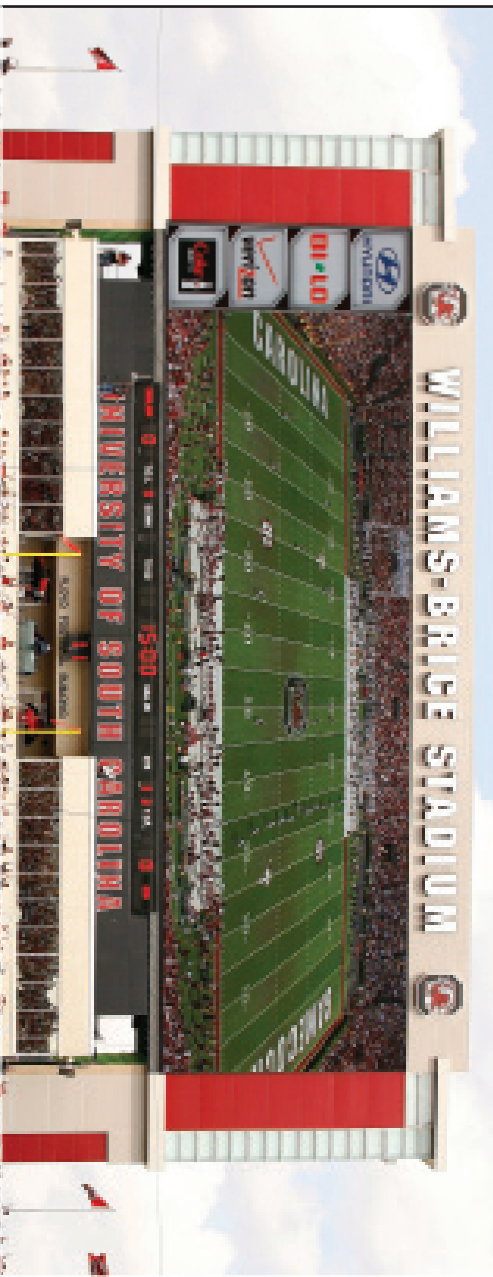
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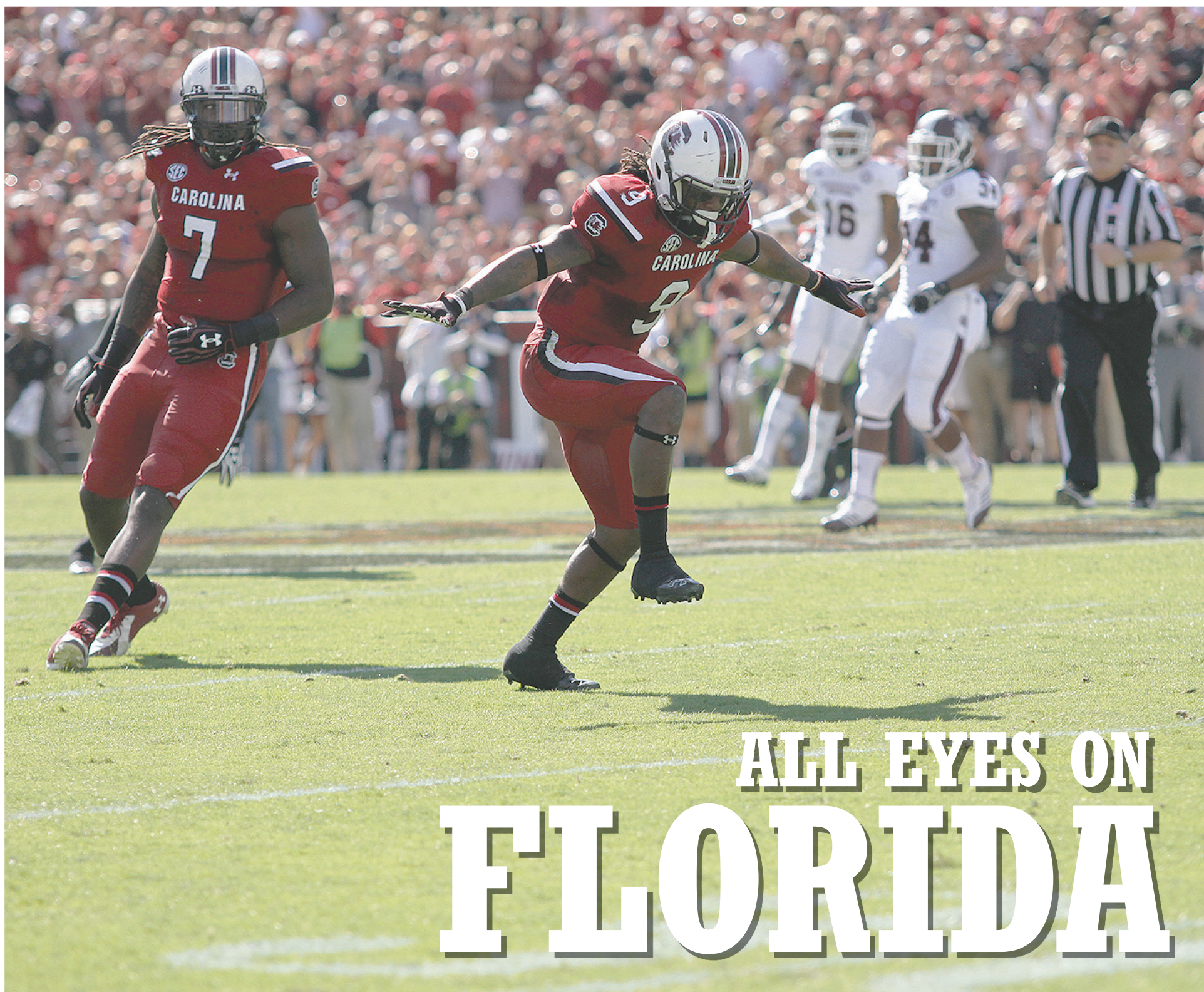






# THE BLITZ

Friday, November 15, 2013



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Coach Steve Spurrier and the Gamecocks say they will not be paying much attention to the Auburn-Georgia game on Saturday, despite its big implications for the divisional race.

## ***Spurrier, Gamecocks still wary of Florida despite less-than-stellar, injury-riddled season for Gators***

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Coming into the season, every Gamecock had circled two matchups on their calendar: this weekend's with Florida and the annual rivalry game with Clemson.

The Gators were coming off of an 11-1 season and had smacked South Carolina 44-11 in last year's meeting down in Gainesville. There was a strong possibility that the winner of this weekend's game would represent the division.

But that was then.

A slew of injuries have derailed the Gators' (4-5, 3-4 SEC) hopes, and they come to Williams-Brice Stadium struggling to become bowl eligible, with no shot at a trip to Atlanta.

But don't expect coach Steve Spurrier and his team to be comforted by the fact that the Gators have struggled. They know Florida is Florida.

"They're still No. 1 in the conference in total defense," Spurrier said. "Their defense has played very well, and their offense has struggled a bit, and that's why they're 4-5 right now. But they're a very good team. They clobbered us last year. We fumbled all over the place and got beat about as badly as we have in the past two or three years.

"They're a big strong bunch of guys that can play defense, and they're very capable on offense if they don't turn it over."

Last weekend, Vanderbilt visited Florida and won in Gainesville for the first time since 1945, snapping a 22-game streak of losses to the Gators. Boos rained down on Florida during that game, and a year after being named SEC coach of the year, Will Muschamp is on the hot seat.

But once again, Spurrier did not put a lot of stock in what happened.

"I think a lot has been made about Vanderbilt beating [Florida]," Spurrier said. "You know, Vanderbilt did beat Georgia this year. It's not a disgrace to lose to Vanderbilt. We have barely got by [Vanderbilt] the last two years, and I mean barely."

Georgia visits Auburn at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, and their game will be wrapping up as the Gamecocks get ready to take the field against Florida.

That game has big implications for South Carolina, because if Auburn defeats Georgia, the Bulldogs are eliminated from the eastern division race, leaving only the Gamecocks and Missouri in the running.

So will the team be paying attention?

"We all know what happened last year, but we know what can happen this year and what goals we still have in place."

— Sharrod Golightly

"No interest at all in that game," Spurrier said. "We have no control over it. We're just going to talk about trying to play our best this week and whatever happens within the division happens."

Senior guard Ronald Patrick said that while the Gamecocks can't win the division this week, they can lose it.

"So we just need to focus on ourselves and go out there and prepare," Patrick said.

Spurrier said that the team has many goals that don't involve a trip to the conference championship, like winning six SEC games again.

The Gamecocks' 15-game home winning streak is also on the line against Florida. With Michigan's loss to Nebraska last weekend, South Carolina's unbeaten streak at home is now the longest in the nation.

"It's definitely a plus; we love playing at Williams-Brice," Patrick said. "Night game, fans are going to be into it."

So despite all the outside distractions, Spurrier has done his best to make sure that the team is focused on Florida and Florida alone.

The fact that the Gators handed the Gamecocks their most lopsided loss since the 2010 SEC championship game against Cam Newton and the Auburn Tigers is sure to only help the motivation.

"We all know what happened last year, but we know what can happen this year and what goals we have still in place," Golightly said. "And we're just trying to stay focused."

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Connor Shaw, with a towel on his head, and his teammates will look to extend their nation-best home winning streak.

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AROUND THE SEC

# UGA needs win to keep East hopes alive

**Mississippi State Bulldogs hope to upset top-ranked Alabama**

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**No. 25 Georgia @ No. 7 Auburn, Sat. 3:30 p.m., CBS**

All eyes are set on Auburn and Georgia this weekend, as the two will highlight the SEC on Saturday. Auburn (9-1, 5-1 SEC) will need to continue its winning ways in order to stay alive in the SEC West. After losing a week four matchup with LSU, Auburn has gone on to win six straight, including one against Johnny Manziel and Texas A&M. With only two games left, Auburn controls its destiny. If the Tigers can handle Georgia at home on Saturday, the focus will be directed at the “Iron Bowl” matchup with Alabama in a game which will decide the SEC West. In a contest many Gamecocks and Missouri Tigers fans will be tuned in for, Georgia could pull off an upset and disrupt the SEC East

race. However, with the Bulldogs losing key players to injuries this year and Auburn scoring an average of 46 points in their last six wins, Georgia’s once-hopeful season may finally come to an end.

**No. 1 Alabama @ Mississippi State, Sat. 7:45 p.m., ESPN**

Following Alabama’s 38-17 victory over then-No. 10 LSU, the Crimson Tide seem to have the SEC West locked up with only three games remaining. On Saturday, Alabama will meet Mississippi State and look to continue its stellar form. In the last five meetings between the Crimson Tide and Bulldogs, Alabama has not allowed more than 10 points to be scored against them. Alabama (9-0, 6-0 SEC) has the potential to finish undefeated, a feat that has not been accomplished since the Crimson Tide’s 2009 season, when Alabama went on to win the BCS National Championship game 37-21 over the Texas Longhorns. Unfortunately for Mississippi State (4-5, 1-4 SEC), its season has not panned out as hoped. Alabama is an absolute powerhouse, and their reign as No. 1 shouldn’t end

after its Saturday night matchup.

**Kentucky @ Vanderbilt, Sat. 12:21 p.m., ESPN3/GamePlan**

Coming off an impressive 34-17 victory over the Florida Gators, the Vanderbilt Commodores come back to Nashville, Tenn., to take on the Kentucky Wildcats. The Commodores (5-4, 2-4 SEC) have performed well this season. They have taken great strides as a program, losing close battles with Ole Miss and South Carolina this year. Vanderbilt’s sophomore running back Jerron Seymour has led the Commodores’ offense this season, running for 541 yards and scoring 12 touchdowns. Vanderbilt senior quarterback Austyn Carta-Samuels is having his best season yet, completing 65.5 percent of his passes. Kentucky has not shown an ability to defeat conference foes this year, so expect Vanderbilt to showcase some of its new talent and win one in front of their home crowd.

**Troy @ Ole Miss, Sat. noon, ESPNU**

The Troy Trojans will walk

into Vaught-Hemingway Stadium Saturday afternoon with hopes of knocking off a respectable SEC team. The Trojans (5-5, 3-3 Sun Belt) have dropped two straight games to Louisiana-Monroe and Louisiana-Lafayette. On the other side, the Ole Miss Rebels have won three straight, including one over then-No. 6 LSU. After starting the season strong, the Rebels hit a rough patch, losing three in a row to Alabama, Auburn and Texas A&M. Ole Miss junior quarterback Bo Wallace has led his team to six wins on the year and improved his program’s rank in the college football scene. He has thrown for 2,392 yards and 14 touchdowns, as well as three touchdowns on the ground. He has kept drives alive and created scoring opportunities with his ability to read the defense during his option sets with tailback I’Tavius Mathers. On Saturday, expect Wallace and Mathers to connect on some big plays and impress their fans.

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## Commentator visits campus

Sports fans beware: Opinionated and fiery sports commentator Stephen A. Smith will be at the Russell House Ballroom tonight at 8 p.m. The event, held by Carolina Productions, is a dialogue about “sports, overcoming adversity and making it in

entertainment” with Smith, according to a release. Doors will open at 7:30, and the event is free for students, faculty and staff with a CarolinaCard.

— *Compiled by Kyle Heck, Sports Editor*



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**WHERE:** Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia (capacity of 80,250)

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**TELEVISION:** The game will be nationally televised on ESPN2, with Joe Tessitore handling the play-by-play duties and Matt Millen doing color analysis. Maria Taylor will be the sideline reporter.

**RADIO:** Locally, the game will be broadcast on 107.5 FM. Todd Ellis will handle the play-by-play duties, while Tommy Suggs will be the color analyst. Langston Moore will be the sideline correspondent. The game will also be on Sirius channel 85 and XM channel 85.

**THE LINE:** South Carolina is favored by 12.5 points over the Gators.

**SERIES:** Florida leads 24-6-3.

**WEATHER:** The forecast in Columbia on Saturday is calling for a high of 73 degrees and a low of 55. There is a 10 percent chance of rain, and winds will be out of the east at 4 mph.

**LAST MEETING:** Florida crushed the Gamecocks 44-11 last season in Gainesville. The last meeting in Columbia was in 2011, when South Carolina edged the Gators 17-12.

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AROUND THE NATION

# Stanford aims for 5 straight against Trojans

## Oklahoma State, Texas battle in top-25 matchup

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### No. 4 Stanford @ USC, Sat. 8 p.m., ABC

Stanford's impressive 26-20 win over Oregon has it in the driver's seat for a berth in the Pac-12 championship game. Southern California is also trying to save its season, but the Trojans have not been so successful against Stanford in their recent games. On Saturday, Stanford will look to make it five in a row against USC and finish out the season strong. For Southern California, having Stanford visit Los Angeles Coliseum provides USC with potential in disrupting the college football scene. Since the removal of former head coach Lane Kiffin, the Trojans have looked solid. USC has won its last three games and can still find a way to win the Pac-12 South division. For the Cardinal, it is all about abusing defenses with its running game and not allowing the opposing offense to move the ball deep into its territory. USC sophomore quarterback Cody Kessler will have the tough task of moving the chains against a physical Stanford defense. The young quarterback has performed well lately, but he will surely see his toughest challenge to date when he meets with Stanford on Saturday.

### Texas Tech vs. No. 5 Baylor, Sat. 7 p.m., Fox

The big question coming into this game is whether Baylor will keep its perfect season alive and continue to roll past teams. The answer: probably. Texas Tech has not looked great the last few weeks. The Red Raiders

have dropped three straight and have allowed teams to score an average of 46 points over its three-game losing streak. While Texas Tech's offense has kept up its scoring capabilities, its defense has crumbled. Across from them, junior quarterback Bryce Petty has provided Baylor (8-0, 5-0 Big 12) with a spark. His 21 touchdowns and 2,657 passing yards speak for themselves. Petty can make plays with his long arm, and he finds open wide receivers down the field throughout the game. The Red Raiders' defense could be in for another long day, especially with the high-powered Baylor offense at home.

### No. 12 Oklahoma State @ No. 24 Texas, Sat. 3:30 p.m., Fox

Injuries have plagued Texas all season long, and with the surging Oklahoma State Cowboys coming into town, Longhorn fans should be concerned. The Cowboys (8-1, 5-1 Big 12) have consistently looked solid on offense. This season they have averaged 40.7 points per contest, which ranks 14th among all FBS teams. The problem lies in their linebacker group. The young group has faced troubles this season, allowing big runs and passes in the middle of the field. For Texas, senior quarterback Case McCoy has filled in for injured quarterback David Ash superbly. McCoy has led the Longhorns to five straight wins and has Texas on top of the Big 12. If Oklahoma State can get out running early and put some points on the board, Texas could be in trouble. But the Longhorns have the running backs and wide outs to compete and score on a weak Cowboys defense. This should be a battle of who can score more.



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**No. 16 Michigan State @ Nebraska, Sat. 3:30 p.m., ABC/ESPN2**

If you are not familiar with Nebraska junior running back Ameer Abdullah, then take notice. The junior from Homewood, Ala., has rushed for 1,213 yards and seven touchdowns on 184 carries. The problem is that Michigan State's defense ranks third among FBS teams in points allowed (11.6 points allowed per game). The Spartans are quick and smart on defense. They run to the ball, control the line of scrimmage and have quick, athletic cornerbacks to defend the pass. So can Abdullah break out some big runs? His size, speed and ability to shed tackles could be useful against a physical defense like the Spartans'. But his day could end quickly if Spartan sophomore quarterback Connor Cook can score some touchdowns quickly and force Nebraska to abandon its running attack. This contest should be low-scoring and could come down to who holds the ball in the final minutes.

**Oregon State @ No. 19 Arizona State, Sat. 9:30 p.m., Pac-12 Network**

Two hopeful seasons were ended by disappointing losses, but now Oregon State and Arizona State will meet to see which Pac-12 team will stay in the hunt. Arizona State (7-2, 5-1 Pac-12) have won four straight, two of which were on the road. It is no secret the Sun Devils can put up points, averaging 43.7 per game (ranking ninth amongst FBS teams). The Oregon State Beavers, on the other hand, have dropped two in a row and have their season on the ropes. The Beavers also have a firing attack on offense, led by junior quarterback Sean Mannion. Mannion has thrown for an impressive 3,540 yards and 31 touchdowns this season. His ability to read cornerbacks and deliver the ball deep to his fast wide outs allows the Beavers to score quickly. Arizona State holds the upper hand at home and coming off some solid wins. But Mannion and the Beavers know it is time to show up or shut up.

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**BEHIND ENEMY LINES**

**FIVE QUESTIONS WITH PHIL HEILMAN,  
SPORTS EDITOR OF THE ALLIGATOR**

**1. How do you think Tyler Murphy has handled his unexpected role as a starting quarterback, and does his injury seem serious enough that he has a legitimate chance of not playing against South Carolina? If he can't go, who will replace him?**

Tyler Murphy burst onto the scene in his first three games for the Gators. Since then, he and the Florida offense have fallen on hard times. Overall, he has been mostly serviceable but has failed to make enough plays in the past month to win. Murphy has a sprained AC joint in his throwing shoulder and is considered day-to-day after not practicing all week. If he can't go — something I would say is a real possibility at this point — redshirt freshman Skyler Mornhinweg would start in his place.

**2. How surprised were Florida fans and coaches with the loss to Vanderbilt last Saturday? What sort of impact did that loss have on head coach Will Muschamp's job security?**

From Florida's perspective, losing to Vanderbilt was a bit of a shock considering it had not happened in 22 years. But that is kind of where the Gators are at right now. Injuries have derailed the season, and even becoming bowl eligible is in question at this point. That said, Muschamp's job is safe. I can't envision him being fired, though many fans have clamored for that to happen.

**3. Kind of going off of that, is there still a lot of faith in Muschamp down in Gainesville, or are the Gator faithful ready to move on to a new chapter?**

I believe the levelheaded individuals in Gainesville still believe in Muschamp. He led them to the Sugar Bowl last season before being besieged by injuries this year. Like anything else, those in opposition probably have made more noise than those in favor of Muschamp, but I think he is still supported.

**4. Obviously, Florida has been devastated by injuries, and that continued this week with the season-ending injury to linebacker Antonio Morrison. What kind of toll has that taken on the team, and is there worry that the players will give up on the season now that there is not much left to play for, besides bowl eligibility?**

Injuries have plagued this team all season, and even if players will not admit it, I believe it has sapped some of their juice. As I mentioned



before, they went to the Sugar Bowl last season and entered this year with high expectations. No matter how mentally tough you are, losing your starting quarterback, running back, best defensive player and a slew of other key guys hits you hard.

**5. As is the case most years, the Gator defense has played well this season. What kind of advantage do you think they could have against the South Carolina offense? On the other hand, is there any advantages that the offense may have against Jadeveon Clowney and the Gamecock defense?**

Florida's defense has regressed considerably since early in the season. That said, its secondary is still one of the best in the country. If Connor Shaw is loose with the football, the Gators have the ability to create turnovers, though they have not been able to at a very high frequency this season. Offensively, if the hapless Gators can survive without Clowney killing one of their quarterbacks, I think they would call that a win.

**Prediction:** 24-10 South Carolina.

Florida's offense has not shown the ability to move the ball with any consistency as of late. South Carolina should be able to make enough plays offensively to win with ease.

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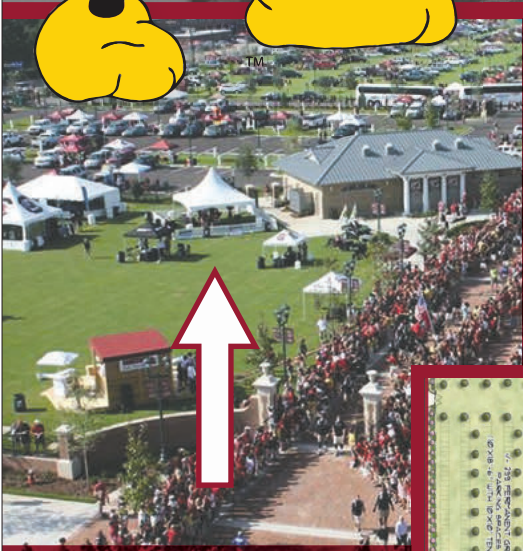


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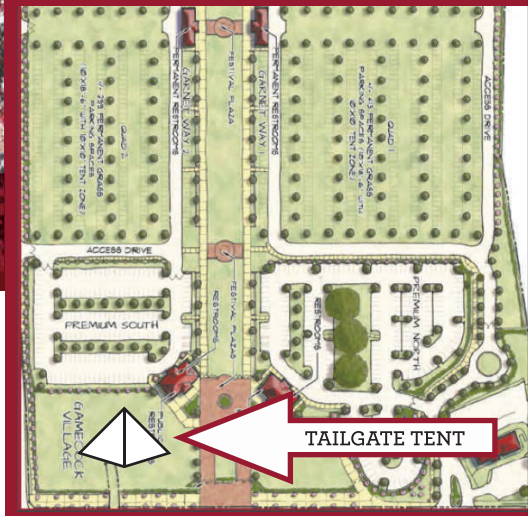
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said sophomore running back Mike Davis and senior quarterback Connor Shaw missed some practices over the bye week to rest injuries. Shaw has been dealing with a knee injury, but Spurrier said that he thought his quarterback would play Saturday’s game without a knee brace. Sophomore running back Brandon Wilds is expected to see a bigger role after missing time with a dislocated elbow. Redshirt freshman center Cody Waldrop may return against Florida after missing much of the season with a nagging foot injury. It depends on how well Waldrop gets back into the swing of things, according to Elliott, and if he does not, redshirt freshman Clayton Stadnik will stay in at center. The offensive line has been a major contributor in Davis’ run at the SEC rushing title. After nine games, he leads the conference with 1,058 yards and 10 touchdowns. Elliott said statistics have little to do with what the offensive line is trying to accomplish. “We enjoy that to some degree,

but it’s not a goal or anything,” Elliott said. “I think if we win, that’s the No. 1 thing our team wants to do. But it’s nice to have a guy like Mike to get over a thousand.” Shaw also bolsters the running game with his dual-threat ability, along with his improvement as a passer that helps set up the run. The senior has compiled 1,655 passing yards and 18 touchdowns with just one interception. He has started to show up on some voters’ Heisman Trophy ballots because of his efficient performance. South Carolina knows Florida will come to Columbia fired up because the Gators’ bowl eligibility might be on the line with a game against No. 2 Florida State looming at the end of the season. “Florida’s a good defense,” Elliott said. “They’re well-coached, probably one of the best in our conference, so we got to come out and play our assignments, play physical, try to match their intensity and go toe-to-toe with them.”

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like it’s this special deal that I’ve done and this special system that we’ve come up with,” Adams said. “It’s football. There is no coach in the country that doesn’t want their defensive player to be aggressive.” Adams’ teachings have resonated with at least one Gamecock, as junior defensive tackle Kelcy Quarles has found his way to the quarterback enough to register the third-highest sack total in the SEC. South Carolina’s most notorious defensive lineman, junior Jadeveon Clowney, missed most of the team’s practices over the bye week, but Spurrier assured the Gamecock faithful that Clowney was just resting up and that he would suit up against the Gators. Clowney has had an uncharacteristically quiet year, recording just two sacks on the season, but Adams argues that the defensive end has done all that can

be expected of him with the amount of attention he has received. “Nobody would have thought that people would put two and three people on him on a consistent basis,” Adams said. “But he’s playing hard, and we’re winning, and that’s the thing that he wants, that he’s worried about right now.” When the Gators come to Williams-Brice Saturday, they will bring with them a losing record — 4-5 — for the first time in recent memory. But despite a surprising down year for Florida, Golightly insists South Carolina won’t overlook the Gators, if for no other reason than to avenge last year’s loss to Florida that kept the Gamecocks out of contention for the SEC East title. “I think it was understood,” he said. “Nothing had to be said,”

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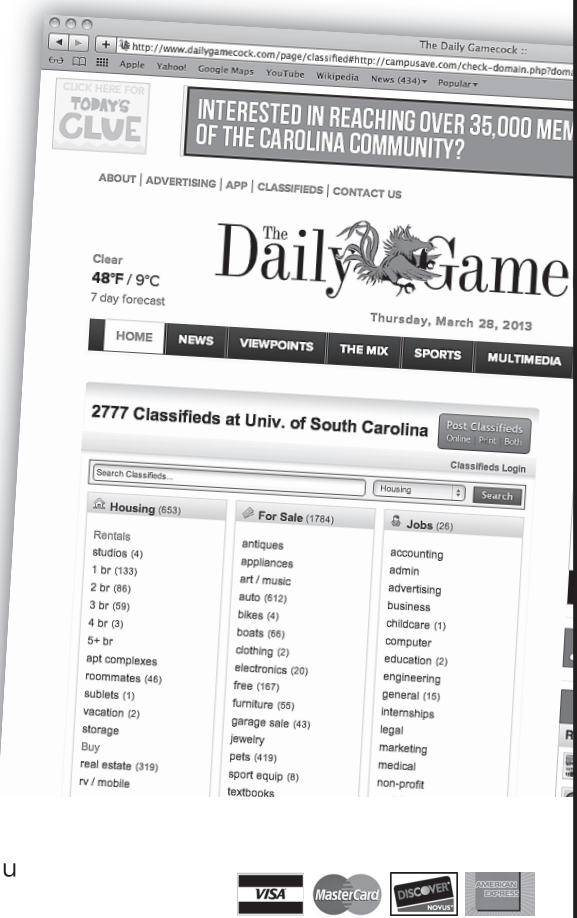
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Junior wide receiver Bruce Ellington said he “loves” playing against teams like Florida, who play a lot of man-on-man coverage on the defensive side of the ball.

Offense prepares for ‘strong’ D-line

**Wilds expected to see more playing time after injury earlier this year**

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The injury bug that has plagued Florida this season hit its defense hard during this week when sophomore linebacker Antonio Morrison was ruled out for the year with a meniscus tear in his knee. Morrison was the Gators’ leading tackler, and combined with the loss of senior defensive tackle Dominique Easley earlier this season will be difficult to overcome. Even with the injuries, the Gators have enough defensive talent to give the Gamecocks trouble on offense.

“They’re sort of a big, strong bunch,” coach Steve Spurrier said. “(It is) hard to run on them, hard to throw on them. They keep their schemes pretty simple to where their players don’t make mistakes, and they play a little bit more man-to-man than the teams we’ve seen.” Offensive line coach Shawn Elliott said the Gators’ defensive line will probably be the strongest the Gamecocks have faced all season. Sophomore defensive end Dante Fowler Jr. helps create the pass rush. He has amassed 3.5 sacks on the year and a team-best 8.5 tackles for a loss. Redshirt junior nose tackle Leon Orr is a big body inside who helps stifle the running game. He has recorded 2.5 tackles for a loss thus far and recovered two fumbles. Redshirt junior linebacker Ronald Powell may be the Gators’ best defensive playmaker. He has six tackles for a loss to go along with a team-best

four sacks. The Gators have a talented secondary that features mostly upperclassmen. However, true freshman defensive back Vernon Hargreaves III has made a big impact during the year and is receiving more and more playing time. He leads the team with three interceptions this season. Junior wide receiver Bruce Ellington said the Gamecocks have to do a better job on offense after Florida demolished them last year, 44-11. To do so, he said, receivers will need to get open when they face single coverage. “I love it,” Ellington said. “As a receiver, you want them to play man-to-man; that’s what receivers live off of.” The Gamecocks, by comparison, are relatively healthy. In Tuesday’s press conference, Spurrier

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DEFENSE

Gamecocks facing injury-plagued unit

**Florida likely to play 3rd-string quarterback**

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In the first half of the season, South Carolina’s defense gained a reputation for blowing leads and giving up yards in chunks. But the unit has made strides to repair its image by stringing together several consecutive solid outings. “I think our defense has improved, obviously, as we’ve gone through the year,” coach Steve Spurrier said. “We have played better lately.” After allowing 17 points at Missouri before the offense even got on the board, the Gamecock defense held the Tigers scoreless for the rest of regulation, resulting in an overtime victory for South Carolina. The following week, the defense kept Mississippi State to 16 points. Spurrier specifically pointed to the linebackers as a much-improved group, and perhaps no one in the unit has seen more success recently than redshirt junior linebacker Sharrod Golightly. After leading the team in tackles against Mississippi State before the bye week, Golightly said he sees Saturday’s meeting with Florida as a chance to expand on his strong play. “Throughout the season, I think I just got better every day and every game we had,” Golightly said. “I think this game is just another stepping stone.” It is uncertain which quarterback Golightly will line up across from this weekend, as quarterback Tyler Murphy is doubtful for the game



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Junior linebacker Sharrod Golightly (9) said the game against Florida will be a chance to show his continued improvement.

with a sore throwing shoulder. If Murphy can’t play Saturday, he will be the second signal caller that Florida has lost to an injury this year. Jeff Driskel started the season at quarterback after leading the Gators to an 11-1 record and a Sugar Bowl appearance a season ago, but the junior broke his leg in September. No matter who is under center for Florida come Saturday, South Carolina defensive line coach Deke Adams said one key that making a concerted effort to get into the backfield would be a key to winning.

In Adams’ first year with the Gamecocks, he has received much attention for his high-aggression philosophy. But if you ask Adams, his system is nothing new. “A lot of people are making it out

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